Civil Aviation Requirements

1107. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the draft Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) is ready;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposed Civil Aviation Requirements have been considerate towards senior citizens and the disabled;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (e) The matter of Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) on carriage of disabled persons is under consideration of the Government.

Fuel surcharge and congestion charge

1108. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether many low-budget domestic carriers trap air travellers by issuing misleading advertisements offering low fares but virtually forcing the passenger to pay up fuel surcharge and congestion charges categorizing them as 'taxes';

(b) whether fuel surcharge and congestion charge are not taxes per se but are retained by the carriers instead of passing on to Government;

(c) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had recently hauled up a few national carriers for misleading categorization of fuel and congestion charges as taxes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) At present air fare charged by the private scheduled domestic airlines comprise basic fare, fuel surcharge, congestion surcharge, passenger service fee and transaction fee (if the ticket is booked through any point of purchase other than the website). Out of the aforesaid charges, only passenger service fee is the component which is collected by the Airlines on behalf of the Airport operators.

(b) Yes, Sir. Fuel surcharge and congestion charge are not taxes. These are retained by the carriers.

(c) and (d) Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had sought clarification from the private scheduled airlines regarding tax components being charged by them and confirmation whether all the taxes shown on their respective websites are deposited with the Government.

The airlines responded that they have made change in their web site to indicate correct position of the cost of the ticket.